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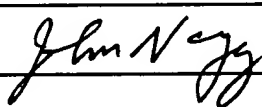
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In response to the Office action mailed March 15, 2002 for which a response is due June 15, 2002, please enter the following amendment and consider the remarks in connection with the above-identified pending patent application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 6, 10, 25 and 28 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 7, 9, 14, 16, 18, 20, 26-27, 33, 35 and 37 as follows:

1. (Amended) A stent assembly, comprising:  
an intravascular stent;

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